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**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS**

**WANTED.**  
ENGLISH or FRENCH NURSERY GOVERNESS, to 2 children, private charge. To teach French, English, and Music. Mrs. BUTTANSHAW, 6, Des Vaux Villas, Peak, Hongkong, 5th January, 1899. [121]

**WANTED.**  
TWO experienced BOOK-KEEPERS; no others need apply. Particulars referred. Good positions offered in Hongkong and Yokohama to gentlemen producing the highest testimonials of character and ability. Apply to A. A. VANTINE & CO., Koba, 26th December, 1898. [122]

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
THE Undersigned has received instructions to hold a PUBLIC AUCTION, ON SATURDAY, the 7th January, 1899, Commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Room, 2nd Floor, No. 2, a LARGE QUANTITY OF USEFUL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Consisting—  
DRAWING ROOMS, WARDROBES, OVERMANTELS, SLIDING TABLES, DESKS, CENTRE TABLES, BED ROOMS, EXTENSION DINING TABLES, WASHSTANDS, CHAIRS, WASHING STANDS, TOILET TABLES, CARPETS, PICTURES, CLOCKS, ORNAMENTS, GLASS, PLATED, and CROCKERY WARE, &c., &c.  
A few Pieces of CANTON CARVED BLACKWOODWARE.  
2 COFFEE PIANOS.  
1 GENT'S and LADY'S BICYCLE.  
Catalogue will be issued prior to Sale. On View at the Undersigned's. Terms of Sale—As Customary. PAUL BREWITT, Hongkong, 5th January, 1899. [123]

**FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.**  
THE Steamship  
"DOROTHEA BICKMERS,"  
Capt. Pape, will be despatched for the above ports TO-YA, the 5th inst., at 4 p.m.  
For Freight apply to SIEMSEN & CO., Hongkong, 5th January, 1899. [124]

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
FOR SHANGHAI.  
THE Company's Steamship  
"WOOSUNG,"  
Capt. Dawson, will be despatched as above TO-SHANGHAI, the 6th inst., at 4 p.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 5th January, 1899. [125]

**FOR SHANGHAI.**  
THE Steamship  
"FRYANG,"  
Capt. B. Köhler, will be despatched for the above port on SATURDAY, the 7th inst., at 4 p.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 5th January, 1899. [126]

**"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.**  
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
SS. "BENALDER,"  
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, AND SINGAPORE.  
CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.  
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th instant will be stored to risk.  
All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 18th inst., or they will not be recognised.  
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 10th inst., at 5 p.m.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 4th January, 1899. [126]

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**THEATRE ROYAL CITY HALL.**  
THE HONGKONG THEATRE DRAMATIC CLUB  
will produce a Pantomime entitled, THE YELLOW DWARF, or HARLEQUIN, THE KNAVE OF HEARTS, FAIR PRINCESS.  
On the following dates—  
THIS EVENING (THURSDAY) 5th January, 1899.  
SATURDAY, 7th  
MONDAY, 9th  
WEDNESDAY, 11th  
SATURDAY, 14th  
Doors open each evening at 8 p.m. Performance at 8.15. P. M.  
Stalls and Dress Circle ..... \$3  
Pit ..... 1  
Half Price to Soldiers and Sailors in uniform to 2 p.m.  
The Ticket Office at the Theatre is now open and Seats can be booked from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., every day, Sundays and General Holidays excepted.  
Late Trains to the Peak a quarter of an hour after fall of the curtain.  
E. W. MITCHELL, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. [62]

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.**  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
ON and after the 1st January, 1899, our hours of Business will be as follows—  
Week Days ..... 7.30 A.M. to 7 P.M.  
SUNDAYS ..... 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.  
Medicines and necessities can be obtained at any time from the English Assistants on duty.  
A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED, ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841, Hongkong, 24th December, 1898. [70]

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL.**  
WE have this Day REMOVED our Office from SPARKLEY STREET to No. 75, WYNDHAM STREET.  
ROZARIO & CO., Hongkong, 31st December, 1898. [2254]

**SALE OF GRIFFINS.**  
THREE DERRY GRIFFINS having arrived from Shanghai they will be sold by Auction KEEFER'S SALE ROOM at Crossway Bay on a date to be subsequently fixed. Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. [66]

**WASSIAMULL ASSOMULL.**  
No. 46, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.  
HAS FOR SALE INDIAN CARRIAGES, SILK DRESS COATS, SILK TABLE COVERS, SILK MANTLES, COVERS, SILK CENTRE TABLES, SILK DRESSING GOWNS, CHAIRS, SILK SHAWLS, CASHMERE SHAWLS, CRYSTAL LACE, and all kinds of Silk Piece Goods. All at Moderate Prices. [2260]

**HOT WATER.**  
for BATHS, &c., can be quickly and easily obtained by the use of GAS WATER HEATERS. Full particulars can be obtained from the GAS COMPANY, West Point.

**VICTORIA LITHOGRAPHIC WORKS.**  
KENNEDY TOWN, HONGKONG.  
THIS Establishment is now OPENED with full plant of New Machinery, &c., and is prepared to receive Order for plans, Views, Circulars, or any other class of Work. Orders will be received at the Office No. 43, Wyndham Street, Care of Messrs. ARKATON, V. ARCAE & CO., Hongkong, 24th November, 1898. [55]

**INTIMATIONS**

**THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO.**  
The Yearly cost to secure £1,000 with or without Bonus additions, on attaining a fixed age, or at death, if previous, can be ascertained on application to the Undersigned. Premiums can be paid quarterly or half yearly without extra charge.  
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents, Hongkong, 9th August, 1898. [2-3394]

**IMPORTANT NOTICE.**  
EXTENSION OF VISIT.  
OWING to pressure of business PROF. WINTER will remain here till the 10th of January.

**GREATEST BLESSING OF LIFE.**  
PROF. H. WINTER.  
THE GREAT AMERICAN INDIAN EXPERT, Warrants to Cure Hard and Soft Corns, Bunions, Ingrowing Nails, and Warts. Guarantees to take them out without pain or drawing blood, and further, guarantees to perform a perfect cure.  
Mr. WINTER's fame is spoken of in the highest terms by various well-known gentlemen who have suffered for years with corns, and now vision has been restored.  
He is now on his tour around the world, and has just arrived from India and will remain till the 10th of January at Thomas's Grill, Room No. 4.  
Office hours from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Consultation free of charge.  
Those who wish Mr. Winter to visit them, will please send their address, and he will call on Mondays and Fridays, between 2 and 3 p.m.  
CHARGES MODERATE.  
Private interviews will be given between 10 and 3 p.m.  
Hongkong, 4th December, 1898. [67]

**WANTED.**  
A CAPABLE BUSINESS MAN to take charge of a Raw Silk and/or Silk Piece Goods Business in Yokohama. Reply to "ROBISON & CO.," Care of Office of this Paper, Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. [2274]

**NATIONAL ASSURANCE COMPANY OF IRELAND.**  
ESTABLISHED 1822.  
CAPITAL ..... £1,000,000  
FUNDS (over) ..... 500,000  
The Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.  
RADEBOER & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 19th September, 1898. [2188]

**KOWLOON EXTENSION.**  
JUST RECEIVED.  
A NEW MAP OF HONGKONG, KOWLOON, AND ADJACENT TERRITORIES showing the Boundary with the New Colonisation, the Towns, Villages, &c. Prepared from Authoritative Sources and Printed in Colours. Price \$1.  
To be had at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 28th October, 1898. [2219]

**NOTICE OF FIRM.**  
THE Undersigned have this Day opened the premises at No. 43, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST as a CYCLE EMPORIUM and beg to solicit the patronage of the public of Hongkong. A first-class selection of CYCLES (Lapland and Giant) and a view and inspection is freely invited. Repairs undertaken and accessories supplied.  
McKIDY & CO., Cycle Agents, Hongkong, 26th September, 1898. [2061]

**THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING CO., LIMITED.**  
(IN LIQUIDATION).  
PREFERENCE Shareholders ON THE REGISTER of the above Company can now obtain Scrip for Shares in Queen Mines, Limited, upon executing an Agreement in my Office. Shareholders NOT ON THE REGISTER may transfer shares to me, but no other transfers can be registered.  
W. HUTTON POTTS, Liquidator, Office, No. 2, Albert Road, Hongkong, 4th January, 1899. [93]

**THE WANCHAI WAREHOUSE AND STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the General Managers, No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG, on the 18th January, 1899, at 3 o'clock in the AFTERNOON, for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1898.  
THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 16th January, 1899, both days inclusive.  
MEYER & CO., General Agents, Hongkong, 30th December, 1898. [71]

**THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
NOTICE OF CALL.  
NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the above Company, held at No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG, on the 6th day of December, 1898, the following Resolution was passed:  
"That a first and final call of Ten Dollars (\$10) per share, upon all the Shareholders in the above Company, in respect of all the shares held by them in the above Company, be and the same is hereby made. Such call to be paid to the Company at their Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Limited, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 1st day of March, 1899."  
By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHERRIFF HOOVER, Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited, The West Point Building Co., Limited, Hongkong, 1st January, 1899. [94]

**EDUCATION IN ENGLAND.**  
HEATH BROW SCHOOL, HENRY, HENRIETTA, HENRIETTA, (Established 1820).  
THIS School, situated in a beautiful and breezy location, offers a comprehensive course of instruction combined with a thorough athletic training and every domestic comfort. Complete details of the system and regulations on application.



**CHAMPAGNES.**  
PAUL DOMMIE & Co. O. G. D'ARCONVILLE & Co. Vins 1892. IRVING, Vins 1893. PIERRE-HEIDENREICH, Vins 1892. KINGS, Vins 1892. BOLLINGER, Vins 1893. LOUIS ROBERT, GRAND VIN, Sec. DUYEN & Co., Vins 1893. POMERY and GRANGE.

Telephone No. 75. CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO., Sole Agents. [633]

**CUTLER, PALMER & CO.**  
Have been Shippers to CHINA for nearly 75 years. Their Brands are favorably known all over the World.

**A1 QUALITY COGNAC.**  
Distinguished by 4 Stars on the label. Price \$22.50 per 1 dozen bottles.

**VERY GOOD COGNAC.**  
Distinguished by 3 Stars on the label. Price \$18.75 per 1 dozen bottles.

**"PALL MALL" WHISKY.**  
Eleven years old, very fine quality. Each bottle bears an analysis certificate. The quality is guaranteed. Price \$20.00 per 1 dozen bottles.

**C. P. & CO'S OWN SPECIAL BLEND SCOTCH WHISKY.**  
in Patented Bottles. Price \$10.75 per 1 dozen bottles.

**CHAMPAGNE BRUT.**  
A Natural, i.e. a Brut, Sparkling Wine, of the Vintage 1898, particularly suitable to the debilitated. The price is but \$23.50 per one doz. quart bottles.

Agents—SIEMSEN & Co., HONGKONG. [40]

**INVALIDS' PORT.**  
This Wine is old, soft, and delicate. We strongly recommend it. Analyzed and Certified by Professor Cassal. Price \$20.00 per 1 dozen bottles.

**DOURO PORT.**  
This is a fine quality Wine of exceptionally good value. Price \$14.25 per 1 dozen bottles.

**SHERRIES.**  
AMOROS, The Earl Misa's shipping. Price \$16.75 per 1 dozen bottles. Pure and natural Wines; a touch of LA TORRE. Price \$16.75 per 1 dozen bottles.

**CLARETS.**  
in Quarts and Pints.

**LIQUEUR.**  
BENEDICTINE, D.O.M. Price \$39.75 per 1 dozen bottles.

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DAVIS' ANISEED AND LICORICE COUGH BALM. For the Relief of all CATARRHS, COMPLICATED, such as COUGHS, COLDS, HOARSENESS, and SORENESS OF THE CHEST. Price 50 CENTS and \$1.

CHICKEN-GAZZAR'S COUGH BALM. For COUGHS, COLDS, HOARSENESS, BRONCHITIS, and all Diseases of the Chest and Lungs. Price \$1 per Bottle.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1898. [432]

**VICTORIA DISPENSARY, QUEEN'S ROAD.**

**BEST ENGLISH AND FRENCH CONFECTIONERY.**  
CHOCOLATE PRALINE, CHOCOLATE NOUGATINE, CHOCOLATE PISTACHE, CHOCOLATE ALMOND, BEST FINEST CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE MOUSSE, CHOCOLATE CROQUANTES, CHOCOLATE NOUGAT SQUARE, &c., &c., &c.  
DRAGERS ALMONDS, DRAGERS LIQUORS, DRAGERS CHOCOLATE, DRAGERS VEGETABLES, PRALINES, JUBBERS, NOUGATINE NEVES, CHOCOLATE, NOUGATINE NEVES, FONDANTS, POUSSERS, PANACHE, MOUSSE, MACARON, DATES, POUSSERS, BIGARRADES, &c., &c., &c.  
CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS.  
Also Large Assortment of Cresset Box, Diamond Shape, PLAIN Photo. Box, Square Box, Easter Box, &c., &c., &c., &c.  
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SPIRITS.  
ALES.  
STOUT.  
LIQUEURS.

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FOR DRESS SHIRTS, TIES, GLOVES, COURT SHOES, SILK SOCKS, &c., &c.

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BOILER FLUID.  
THE BEST PRESERVATIVE FOR STEAM BOILERS. PREVENTS CORROSION, RUST, & SCALE. Adds many years to the life of a Boiler and more than saves its ENTIRE cost in saving of REPAIRS alone. INVALUABLE FOR STEAM LAUNDRIES. Price \$2.50 per gallon, in 10-gal drums.

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SOLE AGENTS.

**FLETCHER & CO.**  
THE PHARMACY, 21 QUEEN'S ROAD. (OPPOSITE THE HONGKONG HOTEL).

**FLETCHER'S COMPOUND COUGH BALM.**  
This preparation is especially recommended for its demulcent and expectorant properties.

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A First Class Hotel in every respect. Elegantly furnished Reading, Music, and Smoking Rooms. Dining Accommodation for 250 persons. Hydraulic Elevators to every floor. Cuisine of the best. Hot and Cold Water throughout. Electric Lighting in the Billiard Rooms. CIGARETTES, Pipes, and Stationery. Wines and Groceries imported specially from Europe and America.

All Hotel Linen washed on the premises by Machinery.  
Bedroom Accommodation—132 rooms.  
Fire Extinguishing Mains on every floor.  
CHARGES MODERATE. [43]

**PEAK HOTEL.**  
AND CRAIGIEBURN.  
THE PEAK HOTEL is situated at Victoria Gap, adjoining the Tramway Station, 1,500 feet above sea level. CIGARETTES, Pipes, and Stationery. Five minutes walk from Peak Hotel. Fine healthy location—variety of beautiful scenery. Cool mountain breezes in Summer, with perfect protection against the North East Winds in Winter. Well appointed rooms, attentive service, and excellent Cuisine. City Office, 7, Duddell Street. [477]

**HAPPY RETREAT.**  
HAPPY VALLEY, SOUTH END OF RACE COURSE. REFRESHMENTS, DINNERS to be had at all times. SPACIOUS GROUND available at \$1.00 per afternoon (from 3 to 7 p.m.). Tea-party entertainments served at moderate prices. SUI HEUNG PO, Proprietor. [1999]

**METROPOLE HOTEL.**  
SAUKIWAN ROAD.  
AN easy and delightful drive from the City.

**BILLIARDS.**  
Luncheon and Dinner served on the spot at notice. Telephone No. 123. CHAS. DALTON, Manager. Hongkong, 15th October, 1898. [44]

**HING KEE HOTEL.**  
(Established 1873).  
MACAO.  
A NEW large 8-story building has been specially built in place of the old well-known establishment. It is pleasantly situated in the centre of PRATA GRANDE, facing south, commanding a charming view of the sea on the front. All Bed-rooms well furnished and comfortable. Cuisine Excellent. Terms Moderate. L. HING KEE, Proprietor. Telephone address "Hingkee." [1420]

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tion mills, had been laid when I was there, but the road had been graded for hundreds of miles, and rails were to be laid very soon. Engines, houses, roads, and the like were in course of erection, and good solid houses had been built for the administrative and maintenance staff.

To us an American phrase, *Maista* is obviously intended to be a station centre from which the road on the east side of the lake will be administered for a long distance. It happened that one of my fellow travellers had been in his earlier days a railway surveyor in charge of a construction line in America, and from him I take it that the work being done in and around *Maista* is exceedingly costly. In some respects it seems almost certainly costly-work that no commercially-managed railway in a new country would undertake for many years. But of course, this is a Government railway, and is intended perhaps to be put into full use to the severe strain of military use. At all events, the work is being done well and is being done quickly.

It was on the 25th of September that we arrived at *Maista*, the capital of Eastern Siberia. We were thirty-three days out from Peking, but thirty-three days does not seem a long time. It was a very comfortable journey, up till about twelve o'clock in the afternoon and then the weather changed. A bitterly cold wind sprang up, and it seemed hardly a change of weather for which we were so ready. The Governor told us next morning that such cold weather so early was quite unusual, and I find that a traveller who made much the same journey many years ago wrote a thing to be remembered that in the year that he travelled snow fell at *Maista* so early as the middle of October. At all events, having reason to be out driving the snow-sleds, we were ready for the cold. Nothing more than the rough, untanned sheepskin coats that we had bought in Mongolia for eight rupees, to the amusement of some of the good folks of *Maista*, who may be the more excited since we were so hand and weather-beaten almost as brown as my Mongol. So next morning, after an early visit to the *Maista*, we all visited a very well equipped store and replaced our sheepskin by the fur-lined cloth coats that are worn when driving by the Siberian better classes—and very good value we got for our money.

The fur-lined coats were the more necessary since shortly before dawn the morning was the time fixed for presenting our letters to the Governor, and the visit (by the custom of the country) to be made in full dress—that is to say in ordinary evening dress. I found the cold very keen and very helpful. I paid us a return call in person within three hours, and a little later the Chief of Police called on us and offered my aid and assistance. He seemed well to say that everywhere we received from Russians an amount of kindness and helpfulness for which we cannot be too grateful. We spoke to Russian as the few words we picked up from a pocket manual given to me at Peking, consequently, in a country where travel is not too easy, we were constantly impressing on the kindness of those who spoke English, French, or German. The manner in which the Russians responded to our requests for aid or information astonished us. They literally put aside their own affairs to take us in hand. That applies very strongly to the Chinese and travellers we met at *Maista* on the steamers; but it also applied to the poorer classes—the post station keepers, and hotel keepers—with whom we had to converse by signs. Official and was always most handsomely given. The Chief of Police, for instance, when we left *Maista*, sent an officer with us to the railway station, a courtesy that we found very helpful. For the temporary station is five miles from the town and we had to cross a bridge and a ferry both much overcrowded with traffic, which we might not have been able to do in time, but that our officer escorted cleared the route for us.

*Maista* is a fine town. It is about the same latitude as London, but has the heat and cold of a continental as distinguished from an insular climate. Yet as the heat and cold are dry and cold, they are beautiful and insipid. The situation of *Maista* on the bank of the Amur, is exceedingly beautiful. Viewed from the river it is pretty as a town as one would wish to see. Conspicuous among the public buildings is a fine opera-house—for *Maista*, like *Khabarovsk*, is a city of realised wealth. Yet also, it is a city that will not increase, and may even decay. As to political importance, the seat of government for Eastern Siberia, may remain, but its trade will in part be wrested from it. From the *Maista* municipal point of view it is unfortunate that it is on the eastern side of the river, while the railway is on the western side. From the same point of view it is a misfortune that the railway will in the long run take, at *Maista*, or further east, but north of the town, for which *Maista* has hitherto been a centre for handling and re-packing. On the other hand it may, of course, be assumed that the capitalists and merchants of *Maista* will continue to be so much interested in the development of the trade that hitherto they have handled in their town. The retail steamers may even benefit by the traffic that will bring into the town, but that will be nothing to what it might be if the railroad were brought into the city. *Maista* is both an administrative and a financial centre, and a port and a market place. You can buy in it anything you want, and it contains two very good hotels, many excellent retail shops, and generally all the conveniences of a great city. The town was built on a rocky and unevenly early winter. So we walked at *Maista*, and then—having found behind our estimated dates—we set out, at the earliest opportunity, upon our journey by rail. From *Maista* to Peking there were nearly 4,000 miles to be traversed and we knew that the rate of travel would be slow.

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